



MONTANA STATE HOSPITAL POLICY AND PROCEDURE

PASTORAL SERVICES

Effective Date: March 31, 2003

Policy #: TX-09

Page 1 of 2

- I. PURPOSE:** To assure spiritual and religious needs of patients are met in accordance with patient rights provisions of the law.
- II. POLICY:**
 - A. Montana State Hospital patients have a right to visitation with spiritual counselors and the right to religious worship. The hospital will provide pastoral services through hospital chaplain services. Patients may also seek to have pastoral services from others of their own choosing. The hospital chaplains should be contacted to help make arrangements as necessary.
 - B. Spiritual beliefs and values may impact treatment and will be evaluated as part of the assessment process. Important religious and spiritual information will be included in the social assessment at the time of admission. This information will be conveyed to the treatment team for use in the treatment planning process.
 - C. Patient participation in pastoral counseling services are voluntary, will be coordinated through the treatment team, and will be documented on the treatment plan.
 - D. Spiritual beliefs must be practiced in a way that is respectful of all persons and does not adversely impact the treatment or clinical condition of others.
- III. DEFINITIONS:** None
- IV. RESPONSIBILITIES:** The clergy are responsible for providing identified services in accordance with this policy.
- V. PROCEDURE:**
 - A. Montana State Hospital Pastoral Services are provided by professional clergy. The Rehabilitation Services Chief will coordinate this service.
 - B. The hospital chaplains will:
 - 1. visit each treatment program regularly,
 - 2. conduct regular scheduled worship services,

PASTORAL SERVICES	Page 2 of 2
--------------------------	--------------------

Page 2 of 2

- XII. ATTACHMENTS:** None

_____/_____/_____
Thomas Gray, MD Date
Medical Director